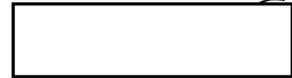
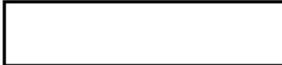


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1. On 17 July of this year, Romanian newspapers headlined the arrest of Ion Mihalache, Vice President of the National Peasant Party and a group of leading National Peasants who were allegedly caught at the Iasi air field in the act of fleeing to Turkey.

2. Colonel Ion ALMAJANU, former head of the Second Section (Counter-intelligence), Romanian General Staff and at present working for Soviet Intelligence in Romania, submitted a report to the latter in which he criticized the handling of this incident by the Ministry of Justice, pointing to obvious discrepancies in the communique which the public were quick to grasp. He also indicted the Ministry of Interior and the Siguranța (Political Police) for inefficiency and lack of sagacity in overlooking the effective means to which such an incident could have been put.

3. Colonel EVELSECU, Chief of the SIA (Army Information Service) is said to have rebuked the Siguranța for stupid handling of the Mihalache affair, adding that it had weakened the prestige of the leaders of government agencies, since the whole incident gave the appearance of having been staged.

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